

## IMMIGRATION FACTS AND FIGURES

### General

#### *By the Numbers*

- Immigrants added an estimated \$2 trillion to the U.S. GDP in 2016. (Center for American Progress (CAP))
- Researchers estimate in California they added between \$4.6 and \$8 billion. (Center for the Study of Immigration Integration and CAP)
- In 2017, 43% of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants and their children. (CAP)
- 20 million adult U.S.-born children of immigrants have higher incomes than their parents. (CAP)
- Immigration induced a 4% real wage increase for the average native worker between 1990 and 2004. (PPIC)

#### *In Congress*

- Last week saw the first immigration bill to be considered in the House since the Trump Administration took away protection for Dreamers. The bill failed to protect Dreamers, failed to fix the Trump family separation policy, and dramatically changed our country's immigration system. **It failed by a vote of 193-to-231.**
- After the above bill failed, House Republicans have been struggling to come up with a so-called compromise bill that would garner enough support. It has been delayed several times and there is no clear schedule for its consideration.

### Concord Naval Weapons Station

#### *What We Know*

- A “pre-decisional brief” was put together by the Assistant Secretary for the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment that outlined DoD-owned land that could be sites for “temporary and austere” facilities to house thousands of immigrants who are awaiting court proceedings or deportation.

#### *What Congressman DeSaulnier Has Done*

- Inquired with the Navy and Department of Defense several times for a copy of the memo
- Sending letter with Bay Area delegation requesting the report
- Sending letter with a long list of reasons why moving 47,000 people into a tent city in Concord is a bad idea
- Supporting two amendments to a Department of Defense funding bill that would prevent DoD from spending any money to house immigrants on DoD land

### Family Separation

#### *What We Know*

- More than 2,000 children were separated from their parents since the end of April.
- Only 500 have been reunited with their families

- Some parents have since been deported
- The Trump Administration manufactured this crisis with the creation of their zero-tolerance policy
- The prior policy of apprehending undocumented immigrants and calling them to appear in court after releasing them was effective close to 99% of the time.

*What Congressman DeSaulnier Has Supported*

- A bill that prohibits the Administration from separating families like this again
- Letters asking HHS and DHS to clarify and expedite the process for children to be reunited with their families
- Bills calling for mental health care for the children being taken from their families
- Bills requiring that families be reunited immediately
- Letter asking how much money the Administration has spent on their policy of separating children at the border
- Bills to improve the treatment of children who are being detained and are currently separated from their families while they await reunification
- Letter asking that no Congressional money be used to separate families